(d) the funds, if any, allocated/released for the projects during the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (d) GAIL's proposal to set up a petro-chemical complex at Auraiya in Uttar Pradesh was given first stage approval in 1989. The detailed Feasibility Report submitted by GAIL is being processed for Government approval.

Allotment of L.P.G. Agencies

*111. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have completed the review of LPG agencies allotted to the applicants who were selected by the Oil Selection Board in 1989-90 and 1991;

(b) if so, whether the dealerships have started functioning; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Oil Marketing Companies have since been advised to take necessary action.

Sick oil wells

*112. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that neraly 600 oil wells in Gujarat, 61 in Bombay High North, 43 in Bombay High South and 14 oil wells in Heera oil field have become sick;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps are being taken to revive these sick wells?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c) As on 1-1-92 the number of sick/idle wells is 244 in Gujarat, 49 in Bombay High and nil in Heera. This is on account of various reasons such as high gas-oil ratios, changes in water cut etc. ONGC undertakes workover operations on a regular basis.

Health hazards due to pollution by Dhrangdhra Chemical Works, Gujarat

*113. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH:

SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that local population and military personnel are facing health hazards due to pollution caused by Dhrangdhra Chemical works in Surendra Nagar District in Gujarat;

(b) whether Government have provided any financial assistance for raising the height of the Chimney and updating other equipment to prevent pollution from Dhrangdhra Chemical Works;

(c) whether it is a fact that the improved Chimney and other equipment are not being operated; and

(d) if so, the steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (c) As per information available, Dhrangdhra Chemical Works has provided adequate pollution control equipment facilities to control equipment facilities to control emission and effluents from their unit. It is also reported that steps have been initiated to replace parts of the system to eliminate use of furnace oil.

(b) Financial assistance has not been provided by the Government.

(d) Does not arise.